

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Expedited Procedure**

**In re application of:** Michael R. Emmert-Buck

**Application No.** 10/048,194

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**Confirmation No.** 2881

**For:** METHOD AND DEVICE FOR ANALYSIS  
OF BIOLOGICAL SPECIMENS

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**Examiner:** Hong Sang

**Art Unit:** 1643

**Attorney Reference No.** 4239-61944-01

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION**

This Amendment is submitted in response to a Final Office action dated August 7, 2006, for which a three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before November 7, 2006. It is believed that no fee is required, however if any fees are required in connection with filing this Amendment, please charge the deposit account provided on the accompanying transmittal letter. Furthermore, this response is being filed on or before October 7, 2006. Thus, this response is timely filed within two months from mailing of the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request an advisory action at an early date.

*Please amend the referenced application as follows:*

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 10.